

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2001

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

Introduced by: Representatives Rhoden, Bartling, Bradford, Burg, Elliott, Flowers,
Hundstad, Hunhoff, Kloucek, Nachtigal, Sigdestad, and Van Norman and
Senators Bogue, Dennert, and Kleven

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the enforcement of laws to protect livestock
2 producers from unfair competition.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 WHEREAS, the federal Packers and Stockyards Act was enacted to protect livestock
5 producers from unfair competition and monopolistic practices; and

6 WHEREAS, all livestock producers, regardless of size, should have equal access to markets
7 that do not discriminate against family-farm livestock producers; and

8 WHEREAS, an investigation by the United States General Accounting Office concluded that
9 the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration which investigates anti-competitive
10 behavior in the livestock industry, lacks the expertise and training to perform its duties:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
12 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
13 Dakota Legislature urges the United States Department of Agriculture to enforce existing laws
14 and establish guidelines to protect all livestock producers from unfair competition, price

- 1 discrimination, and monopolistic behavior and requests Congress to increase funding to the Grain
- 2 Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and to restore that agency's expertise and
- 3 credibility required to administer its duties of ensuring fair competition.